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## BENOIT IN MANY WARS

### Checkered Career of Humane Officer.

#### Texas Ranger in McNulty's Ill-Fated Command.

Was a Confederate, Then a Union Soldier, and Confined in Three Military Prisons.

Fighter and peacemaker, Texas Ranger and follower of Sam Houston, a soldier who fought first for the South and then for the North in the Civil War, a free lance and soldier of fortune in the Chili-Peru war of 1868, and veteran of the Spanish war, such is the career in brief of J. L. Benoit of Honolulu, who, from following the excitement of warfare for more than forty years, is now a mild-mannered protector of dumb beasts. It is nearly half a century since this man began to follow the profession of arms and to depend upon his valor and nerve in the face of danger for his livelihood, and yet he looks far from being man of fifty seven years of age, but would pass anywhere for one still in the prime of life and on the sunny side of forty.

Benoit's life has been fraught with danger ever since he was born in the Indian Territory, nominally a child of the Choctaws, but with Spanish and French blood as well in his veins.

In the year 1858 Benoit found himself enrolled as a Texas Ranger in Captain McNulty's command, and he campaigned with that gallant officer in his ill-fated movement against the redmen.

Benoit with eleven others of McNulty's command were on detached, or scouting service, their duty being to follow behind the main body, sometimes one, sometimes two and three days apart, as a rearguard. The entire command was guarding the Rio Grande Crossing at San Antonio. Between San Antonio and the Neutral Lands the main body had gathered up about 28,000 head cattle and was driving them away from the Indians, when a war-party surprised the Rangers and massacred them. When Benoit and his companions came upon the place they found the bodies of their commander and soldiers, scalped and mutilated not a man having escaped the fury of savage revenge. Benoit and his little party were the only ones saved out of the entire detachment.

Benoit then became a free lance until the Civil War broke out at which time he was living in Arkansas. A

#### ONLY A FEW.

Of the multitudes of people around us very few are really in good health. Most of them are victims to a greater or less extent of some disease. For a time nature holds her own, often with youth and ambition to help her; then the overtaxed organs break down, and the poisonous germs in the blood and tissues get in their deadly work. This may happen suddenly or slowly, but the result is the same. The number of people who are thus afflicted and handicapped is far beyond computation or estimate. In perhaps a majority of these cases the ailment arises from bad digestion, and is thereafter complicated with some form of dyspepsia. The ordinary treatment is seldom or never successful, and medical men now prescribe

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Choctaw regiment was organized by the Confederates and Benoit fought for 120 days under the Stars and Bars. Hancock's command was the one Benoit fought against during this time. At the expiration of his three month's enlistment, Benoit endeavored to leave the regiment and the confederacy too, but was impressed again into service. He did not favor the stand made by the South, even when he first went into the Choctaw regiment to fight against the Stars and Stripes, but discretion was then the better part of valor and he had thrown in his lot with his friends and neighbors. When he found himself hemmed in by impressment Benoit did the next best thing. He deserted and went to the Union camp where he enlisted, but not under the name of Benoit which he feared would get him into trouble with his former comrades if he was ever taken prisoner. He was known to the Union soldiers as Tuttle, and as Tuttle he fought for Old Glory for three years, nine months and fourteen days, being mustered out in September 1865, while acting as Provost Marshal of Atlanta, Georgia, with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

His first enlistment with the Union forces was in the Fifth Pennsylvania Cavalry. He fought at Lookout Mountain, Shiloh, before Vicksburg and in a dozen other engagements, and was with Sherman on his march to the sea. Three times he was taken prisoner and while once under the surveillance of the rebels narrowly missed the noose. He was first sent to Andersonville stockade from which place he emerged as an exchanged prisoner. While a lieutenant he was captured and sent to Libby Prison. After enjoying liberty from that foul warehouse-prison for just fourteen days he was again captured and sent to Millen stockade, the name of which is still linked with that of Andersonville as one of the most horrible detention camps into which mortal man was ever thrust.

One day news was brought to the rebels guarding the stockade that a portion of Sherman's army was on the march toward Millen. A council of war was held and it was decided to tear off the gates, drive the prisoners out toward the woods and in a direction which would take them away from the Union army, and then unleash the bloodhounds on them. The horrible scheme was carried out. The prisoners were driven out of the stockade and sent into the woods at the point of the bayonet, and then into the arms of Benoit and several prisoners who formed a group, came the deep baying of the hounds. It was useless to try to throw them off the scent and they waited for their blood thirsty enemies. Before the hounds could launch at the throats of the group the beasts were struck down with sticks, and shortly afterward the prisoners came across the Union forces. Benoit was restored to his command and having received a high commission by this time, finally became provost marshal of Atlanta.

While at Andersonville Benoit once came face to face with Wirz, the inhuman commander of the stockade. Wirz had known Benoit before the war, having been often in Arkansas to buy slaves from Benoit's father. The latter kept what was called in ante-bellum days a "breeding-place" for slaves. Benoit noted the look of recognition. Wirz asked his name and Benoit replied, "Tuttle." Wirz was suspicious for some time but finally let the matter drop.

In 1869 Benoit, who was then living in California, became attached to a filibustering party which was about to sail for Chile. He was sent out by Holt Bros., of Stockton, and upon arrival in Chile, threw in his lot with the Chilean army and in time became a Colonel. He put in eighteen months in that service and then returned to the United States, later enlisting in the regular army from which he received his discharge in 1898. He then re-enlisted with the volunteers and saw service in the Philippines.

And today, this man of forty years' experience in warfare and soldiery has become an officer in the cause of humanity ready to respond to any call to prevent a dumb animal from being ill-treated.

#### Lahaina Wharf Extension.

The proposed extension of Lahaina wharf will not be simply a local improvement, but will be helpful to Wailuku as well. Honolulu people often say that they would like to see their friends on Maui, but they have no desire to ride the surf in a small boat.

It is not too soon to look forward to the time when rapid electric transit will bring East and West Maui into neighborly and harmonious relations. The literary and musical people of Lahaina and Wailuku can then unite on each side of the Island. Local jealousy and petty rivalry should give place to friendly cooperation.—Maui News.

The Kansas farmer was looking anxiously at the sky. "I hope," he said, "that none of them there cyclones come along." "Are you afraid of them?" asked the stranger. "I ain't never been before," answered the farmer, "but I lifted the mortgage off the place yesterday, and it's so darned light now it wouldn't take much of any kind of a wind to blow it away. The mortgage sort of weighted it down before, you know."—Chicago Post.

## TEMPERANCE NOT A CHURCH FIGHT

More theories for fighting the liquor traffic were advanced yesterday afternoon at a meeting of men in the Y. M. C. A., three men leading in the discussion. Tonight a meeting will be held in the Association's parlor to go over the local option bill recently introduced in the legislature.

Moses Nakuina, W. M. Templeton and John Martin were the three speakers and following their addresses, a general discussion took place. Mr. Nakuina said that the liquor question was too well known to tell of the evils of it. These were known in almost every household. Mr. Templeton argued along the same line and said that what was needed was a means to prevent a continuation of the traffic, or the means of hedging it about and destroying its power.

He spoke forcibly against the temperance question being considered as a purely religious question, to be handled only by the churches assisted by the W. C. T. U. and other temperance organizations. It was a question today which affected every branch of business and it was time that the business men took the matter in hand. He hoped that people would be led to see that the temperance question had outgrown the churches and should be considered by every responsible business organization. He quoted at length from Bishop Potter whose radical views on the temperance question have had the result of partially alienating him from the reform ranks even. The matter was no longer a sentimental question, but one which was purely practical.

Mr. Martin said that whenever the temperance question was broached people generally said, "Oh, there's that chestnut again, but I want to tell you," he continued, "that the saloons are the biggest chestnuts of all."

## SLEPT UNDER STEPS OF CHINESE THEATER

Only eleven years old—he says he does not know his age himself—little Antone Moki, half Kanaka and the other half probably Jap, for he doesn't know, has concluded that there is really nothing in the humdrum life led by small boys who tamely sleep at home, and so has taken his affairs into his own hands. It cannot be said, as yet, that he has been fortunate in the direction of them. At least, he has so far only directed them to the police station, where he landed yesterday, and where he is being held until the impertinent men in authority can make an investigation of his case; but many an older man than Antone has directed his own life to the self-same goal.

Antone, to tell his own story, says that his father, some three months ago, had the assurance to give him a whipping. That settled it. Antone could beat that to death, so he went away, and ever since has found lodgings under the steps of the Chinese theater, where he has smoked cigarettes to his heart's content, if to the peril of the amusement loving Mongols who have passed and repassed above his head. Antone did not neglect his school, either, during this time, but he went to school on a system of his own, too. He would go, in fact, every other day, thus beating the truant officer easily.

But the Chinese complained of him, at last, and so Antone was taken in. He will be housed in the city jail, for a day or two, and after that will stand a chance at the reform school, perhaps.

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